Docket No.: 050395-0369 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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For: GRANULAR METAL POWDER

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2008. Please amend the above identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination is being concurrently filed.